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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Re Application of

Badri N. KRISHNAMURTHY et al.

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Examiner: Andre' C. Stevenson

For: EXPERIMENT MANAGEMENT SYSTEM, METHOD AND MEDIUM

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Honorable Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

This Preliminary Amendment is being filed concurrently with a Response to Restriction Requirement. The following amendments and remarks are respectfully submitted.

IN THE CLAIMS

Please add the following new claim:

28. (New) A computer-implemented apparatus for managing experiments relating to automated processing technology, comprising:
- (A) means for receiving an experiment order, the experiment order including at least some deviation from a base process capable of operating in an automated environment;
 - (B) means for obtaining an approval of the experiment order;
 - (C) means for translating and storing at least a portion of the experiment order into processing data suitable for implementation by said automated environment; and

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